

Oikos Mapping

(Ancient Greek: οἶκος - pronunciation: [ôĭ. kos])

Oikos is a Greek word meaning 'household' and can be thought of as the people in your sphere of influence. Everyone has a group of 8-15 people with whom they come in regular contact with that God has placed in their sphere of influence who are not Christ followers and need to hear His word.

Two examples of 'Oikos' from Scripture: Firstly, in Luke 19:9, after Zacchaeus gave his heart to Christ, Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this **house**." And secondly, when in John 4:53 Jesus healed the son of a royal official, "he and his whole **household** believed."

An Oikos Map will help you to identify people in your life who are not yet followers of Jesus. (Family, Friends, Class mates, Co-workers, Teammates, neighbors, and even strangers.)

How to make an Oikos Prayer Map: Write your name in the middle oval. Ask God to highlight people in your community you can regularly pray for. Write down their names in the surrounding ovals. Pray for these people regularly asking the Lord for opportunities to share the Gospel in a relevant way with them.

Hang a copy of your Oikos Map on the wall to the left so we can all be praying for them! Take a picture, or fill out a second copy to take home as a reminder for yourself to pray. Feel free to use aliases or just initials if need be.

